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June 19, 1998

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222 Washington, D.C. 20554 MARTHUE COPY CRIGINAL

Re: Ex Parte Submission

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 96-45 Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs; CC Docket No. 97-160

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 18, Richard Clarke of AT&T, John Donovan of Telecom Visions, and I met with the Commission and state staff listed below. We provided them with the attached documents. The first is a photograph of an installation of an indoor Serving Area Interface (SAI) capable of serving about 8400 pair. The second item is a receipt obtained by John Donovan for the purchase of several items of equipment used in the SAI in the photograph. The receipt shows that the each block, mounting bracket, and orange cover used in the SAI cost Mr. Donovan \$8.00 in total. Each block can serve fifty pair, so the (undiscounted) cost of these pieces of equipment to serve 8,400 pair would be about \$1,344.

Because only one block, mounting bracket, and cover were purchased, the price for which these pieces of equipment were obtained does not reflect the sizable discount at which a local exchange company could buy these items when purchasing them in bulk.

Thus, this materials cost is probably overstated for an indoor SAI. In addition to these items, an indoor SAI would require the pieces of plywood to which they are attached, the iron bars to which the plywood is attached, over-voltage protection, and installation. These items would raise the cost of the SAI.

-Respectfully submitted,

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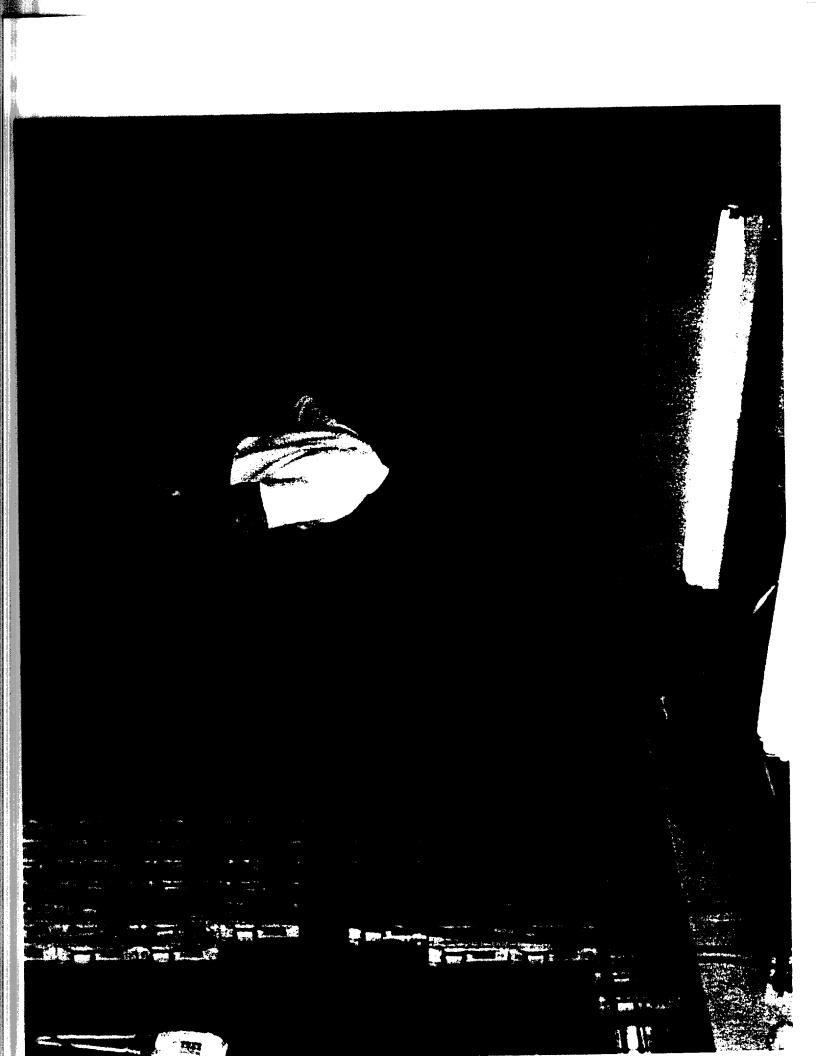
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